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MEMORANDUM FOR: OPS/RMO

SUBJECT : Watergate File Research - Final Report

1. The files of the immediate office of the Chief, OPS/OSG have been checked for material relevant to the subject of this memorandum. The check included chronological files of communications of which I was the author while assigned to Madrid, Spain in the period July 1970 to July 1973. Nothing pertinent was found. 15-2]

2. I have attempted to recollect any other details which conceivably could be pertinent and which relate to the period of my assignment to Madrid. The only points which I recall but on which I have no documentation are these:

a. There were occasional joshing inquiries made of me by American residents of Madrid about the reported presence in Spain of E. Howard Hunt in 1972. My standard reply was that I knew only what I had heard rumored. For the record, at no time did Hunt contact me, and I have never known of his having tried to contact any Station personnel in Spain during the period 1970-73. I made no effort personally to ascertain whether or not Hunt was in Spain, and I had no effort made by any Station member.

b. A Station officer, possibly Richard Ouderirk³ now assigned to Guatemala⁶⁻², was given some information by an informant in 1972 concerning reported activities in Spain by Robert Vesco. I suggested that the information be given informally to the Embassy's Economic Section chief, John Oliver. That officer was charged with keeping abreast of developments related to Vesco. The Station did not pursue that subject, as I recall, because it was not a topic of reportable interest, according to requirements of the period.

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3. There is no other employee assigned to my immediate office who has relevant personal knowledge of events and personalities.

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